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TWO DECLARATIONS OF THE LORDS and COMMONS *Assembled in* PARLIAMENT,

The one concerning

His Majesties late Proclamation for the suppressing of the present Rebellion, under the command of ROBERT Earle of Essex; *And the gracious offer of His Majesties free Pardon to him, and all such of his Adherents as shall within six dayes after the date thereof lay down their Armes.*

The Other

For the raising of all power, and force, as well Trained Bands as others, in severall Countries of this Kingdome, to leade against all Traitors, and their adherents, and them to arrest and imprison, and to fight with, kill, and slay all such as shall oppose any of His Majesties loving Subjects, that shall be imployed in this service, by either, or both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered that these two Declarations be forthwith Printed.
Hen. Elsinge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

August. 16.
London, Printed for *Edward Blackmore*, and are to be sold at his Shop, at the Signe of the Angell in *Pauls* Church-yard. 1642.

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The one concerning

His Majesties late Proclamation for the Suppressing of the present Rebellion, under the command of R. D. E. R. Earle of Essex; And the precious effect of his Majesties Love to Peace and truth, and all such of his Adherents as shall submit themselves to the due obedience of them and their Laws.

The Other

For the raising of Forces, and Borrowing of Money upon the Publique Faith of Parliament, for the Defence of His Majesties Royall Person, the Parliament, and the Kingdom, against all Traitorous Designes and Attempts.

Ordered that these Declarations be Printed.

Hen. Elsynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

August. 16.

Printed for John Thomas and John Wright. 1642.

THe Lords and Commons having received in a Letter from His Majesty, a printed Paper, intituled, *A Proclamation for the suppressing of the present Rebellion under the Command of* ROBERT *Earle of* Essex; *And the gracious offer of His Majesties free pardon to him and all such of his adherents as shall within six dayes after the Date thereof lay downe their Armes*, Doe declare and publish, That the matter of this libellous and scandalous Paper is the venom of those Trayterous Counsellors about his Majestie, long since discovered, and so often complained of by both Houses of Parliament: Who having for many yeeres together carryed a wicked design to alter Religion, and to introduce Popery, Superstition, and Ignorance, (the ready way to) an Arbitrary and Tyrannicall Government: And for that purpose not onely maintained Agents at *Rome*, but invited and procured sundry *Nuncio's* or Agents to bee sent into this Kingdome from the Pope; by which meanes Popery and Superstition was so farre advanced, that nothing but the convening of this Parliament, occasioned by the comming of the *Scots*, could in all humane reason have prevented them in their designe, the onely true reason why these mischievous counsellors maligning that power which opposes it selfe against their destructive and horrid counsells, have now at last, as the Master-piece of all their Machinations, advised His Majestie, in effect, to proclaime at once His

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House of Peers, the hereditary Councellors of the Kingdome, and His House of Commons, the representative Body of the whole Commons of the Kingdome, to be all Rebells and Traytors; And by that Paper have endeavoured so farre to blinde the eyes of the people, as to make them guiltie of their owne destruction, by helping to subdue and destroy the Parliament (the onely meanes, under God, to preserve their Religion, Law, and Liberties) And to perswade the Kingdom that his Majestie, by the assistance of Papists, and persons Popishly infected, will maintain the Protestant Religion; that by the help of men Out-lawed, and of desperate fortunes, will maintaine the Lawes of the Land; And with fugitives from Parliament, and Traytors and Delinquents to the Parliament, will preserve the Privileges thereof; an attempt so desperate, and so transcendently wicked, That the Lords and Commons doe unanimously publish and declare, That all they who have advised, contrived, abetted, or countenanced, or hereafter shall abet and countenance the said Proclamation, to be Traitors, and enemies to God, the King, and Kingdom, and to be guilty of the highest degree of Treason that can be committed against the King and Kingdome; And that they will, by the assistance of Almighty God, and of all honest English Protestants, and lovers of their Countrey, doe their best endeavours (even to the utmost hazard of their Lives and Fortunes) to bring all such unparallell'd Traitors to a speedy and exemplary punishment.

And whereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament did formerly choose the Earle of *Essex* to be Captaine Generall of such Forces as are, or shall be raised for the maintenance and preservation of the true Protestant Religion, the Kings Person, the Lawes of the Land, the

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Peace of the Kingdome, the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and the Rights, and Priviledges of Parliament.

The ſaid Lords and Commons, doe now Declare, That they will maintaine and aſſiſt him, and adhere unto him the ſaid Earle with their lives and eſtates, in the ſame Cauſe, as in Conſcience and Duty to G O D, the King and their Country they are bound to do.

And laſtly, The Lords and Commons doe further Declare, That notwithſtanding thoſe wicked Councellors which enclined his Majeſtie to make warre againſt our brethren of *Scotland*, and by Prayers and Proclamations read in Churches, to pronounce them Rebels and Traitors: That with-held his Majeſtie from ſetting forth any Proclamation againſt thoſe bloody Rebells in *Ireland* till *January* laſt, although the Rebellion brake forth the 23. of *October* before, and notwithſtanding the importunity of both Houſes of Parliament, that a Declaration might iſſue to that purpoſe; have now adviſed and prevailed with His Majeſtie by this Proclamation, to invite His Subjects to deſtroy his Parliament, and good people, by a civill Warre, and by that meanes to bring ruine, confuſion, and perpetuall ſlavery upon the ſurviving part of a then wretched Kingdom: Yet the Lords and Commons to witneſſe their conſtant, and unſhaken loyaltie and affection to his Majeſtie, doe ſolemnly declare, That if his Majeſtie ſhall immediatly disband all his Forces, and bee pleaſed to abandon thoſe wicked Councellors, and leave them to condigne puniſhment, and returne and hearken to the wholeſome advice of his great Councell, they will really endeavour to make both his Majeſtie, and his poſteritie as great, rich, and potent, as much beloved at home, and feared abroad, as any Prince that ever ſwayed this Scepter, which is their firme and conſtant Reſolution.

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Peace of the King, and Liberty and Property of the Subject, and the Rights and Privileges of Parliament.

The said Lords and Commons do now Declare, That they will maintain and assist him, and adhere unto him the said Earle with their lives and estates, in the same Cause, as in Conjunction and Duty to C. C. D. the King and their Country require, and to do.

And lastly, The Lords and Commons do further Declare, That notwithstanding the wicked Counsels which enclined his Majestie to make warre against our Brethren of Scotland, and by Prayers and Petitions read in Churches, condemned them Rebels and Traitors: That with-held his Majestie from giving forth any Proclamation against those bloody Rebells in Ireland till January last, although the Rebellion brake forth the 23. of October before, and notwithstanding the imminency of both Houses of Parliament, that a Declaration might issue to that purpose, have now advised and prevailed with his Majestie by a Proclamation, to invite His Subjects to defend his Parliament and good People by a civill Warre, and by due means to bring [illegible] and punish all the Traytors of the Irish and others wretched Rebellion: Yet the Lords and Commons to vindicate their own Fame, and unfeigned loyalty and adhering to his Majestie, do solemnly declare, That as his Majestie shall pursue and [illegible] his Forces, and bee pleased to abandon those wicked Counsellors, and leave them to condigne punishment, and return and hearken to the wholesome advice of his Great Councell, they will really endeavour to make both his Majesty and his Posterity as great, rich, and powerfull as ever they have been, and feared abroad, as ever since that ever flourished this Scepter, which is their Honour and constant Resolution.

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